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In Re Application of Botts *et al.*

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.111

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 and is intended to be responsive to all issues remaining unresolved that were raised in the Office Actions for this case dated October 26, 2000, June 25, 2001, September 13, 2001, June 3, 2002, and March 5, 2003. This response is being deposited as Express Mail on the date noted on the attached Certificate of Mailing and is believed to be timely with respect to the three month shortened statutory period for response that was set in the most recent Action.

It is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims described below be entered into the case and that the claims be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the reasons for patentability discussed below and be found to be allowable.